

# RAMAPO HIGH SCHOOL

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It is my pleasure to endorse Mr. Greg Serian as an engaging and intellectual speaker on the topic of the Armenian Genocide. Mr. Serian spoke to my elective class, *Law and Human Rights*, about many aspects of Armenian culture, shared his grandmother's personal story surviving the genocide, and then helped us to understand the current political controversies surrounding recognition of the Armenian Genocide today. After a thoughtful and thought provoking presentation, Mr. Serian conducted a thorough Q and A session answering student questions.

Mr. Serian brought to his presentation and answers a wealth of knowledge and personal anecdotes that showcase his commitment to and conviction for spreading awareness about the Armenian Genocide and trying to gain larger international recognition of the tragedy. Even after Mr. Serian left, students brought up parts of his presentation and connected themes to other class discussions about human rights violations around the world. The presentation was invaluable in enriching our curriculum and helping students learn more in depth and personalized information about the Armenian Genocide.

Just over 100 years after the horrific events of the Armenian Genocide - a genocide still not universally recognized - it is as important as ever to share stories from survivors, cast light on past atrocities, find justice for the victims, and bring resolution and closure to an issue unresolved for far too long. Mr. Serian did a very commendable job contemporizing the past, and showing us the continued importance of how past actions continue to shape our political world today.

I would highly suggest and recommend Mr. Serian to any schools or groups interested in a deeper and more complex understanding of the historical Armenian Genocide and it's contemporary issues.

If you have any further questions, I would be happy to answer them at [d.laner@rih.org](mailto:d.laner@rih.org).

Best regards,  
Dan Laner

